

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-10 (Cancelled)

11. (New) A water treatment composition for the long-term improvement of the water quality of biological maintenance systems, comprising:

- a) at least one easily or sparingly soluble Al^{3+} , Fe^{3+} , TiO^{2+} or ZrO^{2+} salt of an organic carboxylic acid;
- b) at least one water-soluble N-free, biologically decomposable organic compound;
- c) at least one soluble alkali metal or alkaline earth metal salt of an organic carboxylic acid and
- d) at least one alkaline earth metal salt of an organic carboxylic acid; and
- e) trace elements and vitamins.

12. (New) The composition according to claim 11 comprising:

- a) an Al^{3+} , Fe^{3+} , TiO^{2+} , ZrO^{2+} acetate, formate, tartrate, citrate, or a mixture thereof;
- b) at least one carboxylic acid, an alcohol, a sugar, or a mixture thereof;
- c) an alkali metal or alkaline earth metal salt of citric, acetic, lactic, tartaric, formic or malic acid;
- d) a Ca^{2+} or Mg^{2+} salt or a mixture of Ca^{2+} and Mg^{2+} salts of organic carboxylic acids; and
- e) trace elements and vitamins.

13. (New) The composition according to claim 11, wherein component a) further comprises an organic carboxylic acid.

14. (New) The composition according to claim 11, wherein component e) are water-soluble vitamins of the B series.

15. (New) The composition according to claim 11, wherein component a) comprises aluminum citrate, iron citrate or a mixture thereof.

16. (New) The composition according to claim 11, wherein component b) comprises acetic, citric, tartaric, lactic acid, glycerol, sorbitol, ethanol, a pentose, a hexose, a saccharose, or a mixture thereof.

17. (New) The composition according to claim 16 wherein component b) is a combination of citric acid, tartaric acid and saccharose.

18. (New) The composition according to claim 11, wherein component c) is a sodium or magnesium salt of citric or tartaric acid, or a mixture thereof.

19. (New) The composition according to claim 11, wherein component d) comprises magnesium citrate or tartrate, or a mixture thereof.

20. (New) The composition according to claim 19, further comprising calcium citrate or tartrate, or a mixture thereof.

21. (New) The composition according to claim 11 wherein the trace elements are selected from iron, boric acid, bromide, iodide, lithium, tin, manganese, zinc, nickel, copper, vanadium, molybdenum, cobalt, and a mixture thereof.

22. (New) The composition according to claim 11, wherein the vitamins are selected from vitamin B1, B2, B6, B12, nicotinic acid amide, panthenol, biotin and a mixture thereof.

23. (New) A water treatment composition for the long term improvement of the water quality of biological maintenance systems, comprising:

- a) 0.5 - 50 mg of at least one easily or sparingly soluble Al³⁺, Fe³⁺, TiO²⁺ or ZrO²⁺ salt of an organic carboxylic acid;
- b) 0.5 - 100 mg of one or more organic compounds selected from citric acid, saccharose, tartaric acid, and a mixture thereof;
- c) 0.018 - 1.8 mmol of an alkali metal salt or 0.009 - 0.9 mmol of an alkaline earth metal salt or mixtures thereof;
- d) 0.0018 - 0.36 mmol of magnesium salt of an organic carboxylic acid; and
- e) 1 - 100 µg iron;
 - 0.5 - 50 µg boric acid;
 - 0.1 - 100 µg bromide;
 - 0.01 - 100 µg iodide;
 - 1 - 200 ng lithium;
 - 1 - 200 ng tin;
 - 0.1 - 100 µg manganese;
 - 0.1 - 100 µg zinc;
 - 0.01 - 20 µg nickel;
 - 0.01 - 20 µg copper;
 - 1 - 500 ng vanadium;
 - 1 - 500 ng molybdenum;
 - 0.1 - 50 ng cobalt;
 - 0.1 - 100 µg vitamin B1;
 - 0.05 - 50 µg vitamin B2;
 - 0.01 - 30 µg vitamin B6;
 - 0.05 - 50 ng vitamin B12;
 - 0.1 - 50 µg nicotinic acid amide;
 - 0.1 - 100 µg panthenol; and
 - 0.01 - 10 µg biotin.

24. (New) A water treatment composition for the long term improvement of the water quality of biological maintenance systems, comprising:

- a) 0.5 - 10 mg of at least one easily or sparingly soluble Al³⁺, Fe³⁺, TiO²⁺ or ZrO²⁺ salt of an organic carboxylic acid;
- b) 0.5 - 50 mg of one or more organic compounds selected from citric acid, saccharose, tartaric acid, and a mixture thereof;
- c) 0.036 - 0.36 mmol of an alkali metal salt or 0.018 - 0.18 mmol of an alkaline earth metal salt or corresponding mixtures thereof;
- d) 0.018 - 0.18 mmol of magnesium salt of an organic carboxylic acid; and
- e) 2 - 20 µg iron;
 - 0.5 - 10 µg boric acid;
 - 0.1 - 5 µg bromide;
 - 0.1 - 10 µg iodide;
 - 5 - 100 ng lithium;
 - 5 - 100 ng tin;
 - 0.2 - 20 µg manganese;
 - 0.1 - 10 µg zinc;
 - 0.05 - 5 µg nickel;
 - 0.05 - 5 µg copper;
 - 5 - 100 ng vanadium;
 - 5 - 100 ng molybdenum;
 - 0.5 - 20 ng cobalt;
 - 0.1 - 50 µg vitamin B1;
 - 0.05 - 10 µg vitamin B2;
 - 0.05 - 10 µg vitamin B6;
 - 0.1 - 10 ng vitamin B12;
 - 0.1 - 20 µg nicotinic acid amide;
 - 0.1 - 10 µg panthenol; and
 - 0.01 - 1 µg biotin.